GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Facilities to Kailash Mansarovar Pilgrims
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the status of Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage quota from India as on date;

(b) whether the Government provides financial assistance to pilgrims for Kailash Manasarovar pilgrimage; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra is organized by the Ministry of External Affairs of Government of India in cooperation with the Government of the People's Republic of China through two routes. The quota this year was 1430 Yatris, consisting 18 batches of a maximum of 60 Yatris in each batch via the Lipulekh route in Uttarakhand, and 7 batches of a maximum of 50 Yatris in each batch via the Nathu La route in Sikkim.

(b) & (c) The Government of India arranges, on self-payment basis, facilities like transportation, accommodation, food, medical tests, guides, visa, porters and ponies for carrying goods and belongings of Yatris. A government official is appointed as liaison officer to accompany each batch of Yatris to ensure their welfare. From time to time financial assistance is provided to Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam for improving facilities along the Yatra route, and to the Indo-Tibetan Border Police for facilitating the Yatra. The Government of India does not extend any direct subsidy to Yatris undertaking the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra.